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NOTIFICATION

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**S.R.O. 2650.**—The following draft of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1956, which the Central Government proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 30 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956), is published as required by sub-section (3) thereof, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration on or after 15th day of December, 1956.

Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft before the date so specified will be considered by the Central Government

DRAFT RULES

1. **Short title.**—These rules may be called the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1956.

2. **Definitions.**—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

- (a) "Form" means a form appended to these rules;
- (b) "the Act" means the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956);
- (c) "Government company" means a company in which not less than fifty-one per cent. of the share capital is held by the Central Government or by any State Government or Governments or partly by the Central Government and partly by one or more State Governments.

3. **Application for recognition.**—An application under Section 3 of the Act for recognition of a stock exchange shall be made to the Central Government in Form A.

4. **Fees for application.**—(1) There shall be paid in respect of every application under rule (3) a fee of rupees one thousand.

(2) The amount of the fee shall be deposited in the nearest Government treasury or the nearest branch of the State Bank of India:

Provided that at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Delhi and Kanpur, the amount shall be deposited in the Reserve Bank of India.

(3) The amount of the fee so deposited shall be credited to the Receipt-head XLVI Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous.

**5. Documents to be filed alongwith the application and particulars it should contain.**—Every application shall be accompanied by four copies of the rules (which includes the memorandum and articles of association where the applicant stock exchange is an incorporated body) and bye-laws of the stock exchange applying for recognition as specified in section 3 of the Act and the receipt granted by the Government treasury, or as the case may be, the State Bank of India or the Reserve Bank of India, in respect of the amount of the fee deposited and shall contain clear particulars as to the matters specified in the annexure to Form A.

**6. Form of recognition.**—The recognition granted to a stock exchange shall be in Form B and be subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (a) that the recognition granted shall be for such period not less than one year as may be specified in the recognition.
- (b) that the stock exchange shall comply with such conditions as are or may be prescribed or imposed under the provisions of the Act and these rules from time to time.

**7. Renewal of recognition.**—(1) Three months before the expiry of the period of recognition, a recognised stock exchange desirous of renewal of such recognition may make an application to the Central Government in Form A.

(2) The provisions of rule 3, rule 4, rule 5 and rule 6 shall apply in relation to renewal of recognition as they apply in relation to grant of recognition except that the fee payable in respect of an application for renewal of recognition shall be rupees five hundred.

**8. Qualifications for membership of a recognised stock exchange.**—The rules relating to admission of members of a stock exchange seeking recognition shall *inter alia* provide that—

(1) no person shall be eligible to be elected as a member, if—

- (i) he is less than twenty-one years of age;
- (ii) he is not a national of India;
- (iii) he has been adjudged bankrupt or a receiving order in bankruptcy has been made against him or he has been proved to be insolvent even though he has obtained his final discharge;
- (iv) he has compounded with his creditors unless he has paid sixteen annas in the rupee;
- (v) he has been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty;
- (vi) he is engaged as principal or employee in any business other than that of securities except as a broker or agent not involving any personal financial liability, unless he undertakes on admission to sever his connection with such business;
- (vii) he is associated with or is a member of or subscriber to or shareholder or debenture-holder in or directly or indirectly connected through a partner, agent or employee with any other organisation, institution, association, company or corporation in India where dealings in securities are carried on or he is a director, partner, agent or employee of a company whose principal business is that of dealing in securities, unless he undertakes on admission to sever such association or connection;
- (viii) he has been at any time expelled or declared a defaulter by any other stock exchange;
- (ix) he has been previously refused admission to membership unless a period of one year has elapsed since the date of such rejection.

(2) no person who is eligible for admission as a member under sub-rule (1) shall be qualified to be a member unless—

- (i) he has worked for not less than two years as a partner with or as an authorised assistant or authorised clerk or remisier to a member; or,
- (ii) he agrees to work for a minimum of two years as a partner with a member or as a representative member with another member entering into bargains on the floor of the stock exchange not in his own name but in the name of such other member; or,
- (iii) he succeeds to the established business of a deceased or retiring member who is his father, uncle, brother or any other person who is in the opinion of the governing body a close relative.

Provided that the rules of the stock exchange may authorise the governing body to waive compliance with any of the foregoing conditions if the person seeking admission is in respect of means, position, integrity, knowledge and experience of business in securities, considered by the governing body to be otherwise qualified for membership.

(3) No person who is a member at the time of application for recognition or is subsequently admitted as a member shall continue as much if—

(i) he ceases to be a national of India;

Provided that nothing herein shall affect those non-nationals who were members at the time of such application, subject to their complying with all other requirements of this rule;

(ii) he is adjudged bankrupt or a receiving order in bankruptcy is made against him or he is proved to be insolvent or suspends payment;

(iii) he is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty;

(iv) he becomes associated with or a member of or subscriber to or shareholder or debenture-holder in or directly or indirectly connected through a partner, agent or employee with any other organisation, institution, association, company or corporation in India where dealings in securities are carried on;

Provided that those members who were entitled under the rules in force prior to such application to associate themselves as such, shall be allowed a period of six months from the date of the grant of recognition for complying with the provisions of this sub-rule;

(v) he becomes a director, partner, agent or employee of a company whose principal business is that of dealing in securities;

Provided that, in the case of those members who were permitted under the rules in force prior to such application to act as such, a period of six months from the date of the grant of recognition shall be allowed for severing any such connection;

(vi) he engages either as principal or employee in any business other than that of securities except as a broker or agent not involving personal financial liability, provided that—

(a) the governing body may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, permit a member to engage himself as principal or an employee in any such business, if the member in question ceases to carry on business on the stock exchange either as an individual or as a partner in a firm;

(b) in the case of those members who were under the rules in force at the time of such application, permitted to engage in any other business, a period of one year shall be allowed for severing their connection with any such business.

(4) Where the member of the stock exchange is a firm, the provisions of sub-rules (1) and (3) shall, so far as they can, apply to the admission or continuation of a partner in such firm.

(5) A "company" as defined in section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) shall not be eligible to be elected as a member or to continue as such.

9. **Contracts between members of recognised stock exchange.**—All contracts between the members of a recognised stock exchange shall be confirmed in writing and shall be enforced in accordance with the rules and bye-laws of the stock exchange of which they are members.

10. **Government nominees on the governing bodies of recognised stock exchanges.**—The Central Government may nominate one or more persons, not exceeding three in number, as member or members of the governing body of every recognised stock exchange. Such member or members shall enjoy the same status and powers as other members of the governing body.

11. **Obligation of the governing body to take disciplinary action against a member if so directed by the Central Government.**—After receiving the report of an enquiry made under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Act, the Central Government may take such action as they deem proper and, in particular,

may direct the governing body of the stock exchange to take such disciplinary action against the offending member, including fine, expulsion, suspension or any other penalty of a like nature not involving the payment of money, as may be specified by the Central Government; notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the rules or bye-laws of the stock exchange concerned, the governing body shall give effect to the directions of the Central Government in this behalf and shall not in any manner commute, revoke or modify the action taken in pursuance of such directions, without the prior approval of the Central Government. The Central Government may, however, either of its own motion or on the representation of the member concerned, modify or withdraw its direction to the governing body.

**12. Withdrawal of recognition.**—The written notice referred to in section 5 of the Act shall be in Form C.

**13. Manner of inquiry in relation to the affairs of the governing body of a stock exchange or the affairs of any member of the stock exchange in relation to the stock exchange.**—(1) (a) The person or persons appointed by the Central Government to make an inquiry under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Act shall hereafter in this rule be referred to as the 'inquiring authority';

(b) where the inquiry authority consists of two or more persons, one of them shall be appointed as the chairman or senior member thereof;

(c) the inquiring authority shall hand over a statement of issues to be inquired into to the governing body or the member concerned, as the case may be, who will be given a reasonable opportunity to state their or his side of the case;

(d) if any witness is called for examination, an opportunity shall be provided to the governing body or the member whose affairs are being inquired into, as the case may be, to cross-examine such witness;

(e) where the inquiring authority consists of more than one person, the views of the majority shall be deemed to represent the findings of such authority and, in the event of an equality of votes, the chairman or senior member shall have a casting vote;

(f) the inquiring authority shall submit its report in writing to the Central Government within the period specified in the order of appointment;

(g) temporary absence from any hearing or hearings of any member of the inquiring authority shall not vitiate its proceedings.

(2) Where the Central Government has directed the governing body of a stock exchange to make an inquiry under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Act, the governing body concerned shall appoint one or more members thereof to make the inquiry and the provisions of sub-rule (1) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such inquiry.

**14. Books of account and other documents to be maintained and preserved by every recognised stock exchange.**—Every recognised stock exchange shall maintain and preserve the following books of account and documents for period of five years.

(1) Minute books of the meetings of:

(a) members.

(b) governing body.

(c) any other standing committee or committees of the governing body or of the general body of members.

(2) Register of members showing their full names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Where the member of the stock exchange is a firm, full names, addresses and telephone numbers of all partners shall be shown.

(3) Register of authorised clerks.

(4) Register of remisiers or authorised assistants.

(5) Record of security deposits.

(6) Margin deposits book.

(7) Ledgers.

(8) Journals.

- (9) Cash Book.
- (10) Bank Pass-book.

**15. Books of Account and other documents to be maintained and preserved by a member of a recognised stock exchange.**—(1) Every member of a recognised stock exchange shall maintain and preserve the following books of account and documents for a period of five years:—

- (i) Register of transactions (Sauda book).
- (ii) Members' contract books showing details of all contracts entered into by him with other members of the same exchange, or counter-foils or duplicates of memos of confirmation issued to members.
- (iii) Clients' ledger.
- (iv) Counter-foils or duplicates of contract notes issued to clients.
- (v) General ledger.
- (vi) Journals.
- (vii) Cash Book.
- (viii) Bank Pass-book.
- (ix) Written consent of clients in respect of contracts entered into as principals.
- (x) Documents register showing full particulars of shares and securities received and delivered.

(2) Every such member shall get his accounts audited by a chartered accountant whenever such audit is required by the Central Government.

**16. Submission of annual report.**—Every recognised stock exchange shall furnish the Central Government annually with a report about its activities during the preceding year, which shall *inter alia* contain detailed information about the following matters—

- (i) changes in rules and bye-laws, if any;
- (ii) changes in the composition of the governing body;
- (iii) any new sub-committees set up and changes in the composition of existing ones;
- (iv) admissions, re-admissions, deaths or resignations of members;
- (v) disciplinary action against members;
- (vi) arbitration of disputes (nature and number) between members and non-members;
- (vii) defaults;
- (viii) action taken to combat any emergency in trade etc.;
- (ix) securities listed and de-listed;
- (x) securities brought on or removed from the forward list; and be accompanied by an audited balance sheet and profit and loss account.

**17. Manner of publication of bye-laws for criticism.**—The bye-laws to be made, amended or revised under the Act shall be published for criticism in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 both in the *Gazette of India* and Official Gazette of the State in which the principal office of the recognised stock exchange is situate.

**18. Requirements with respect to the listing of securities on a recognised stock exchange.**—(1) A public company as defined under the Companies Act, 1956 desirous of getting its securities listed on a recognised stock exchange, shall apply for the purpose to the stock exchange and forward alongwith its application the following documents and particulars:—

- (i) Memorandum and Articles of Association and, in the case of a debenture issue, a copy of the trust deed;
- (ii) Copies of all prospectuses or statements in lieu of prospectus issued by the company at any time;
- (iii) Copies of offers for sale and circulars or advertisements offering any securities for subscription or sale during the last five years;

- (iv) Copies of balance sheets and audited accounts for the last five years, or in the case of new companies, for such shorter period for which accounts have been made up;
  - (v) A statement showing:
    - (a) dividends and cash bonuses, if any, paid during the last ten years (or such shorter period as the company has been in existence, whether as a private or public company).
    - (b) dividends or interest in arrears, if any.
  - (vi) Certified copies of agreements or other documents relating to arrangements with or between:
    - (a) Vendors and/or promoters.
    - (b) Underwriters and sub-underwriters.
    - (c) brokers & sub-brokers.
  - (vii) Certified copies of agreements with:
    - (a) Managing Agents and Secretaries and Treasurers.
    - (b) Selling Agents.
    - (c) Managing Directors and Technical Directors.
    - (d) General Manager, Sales Manager, Manager or Secretary.
  - (viii) Certified copy of every letter, report, balance sheet, valuation, contract, court order or other document, part of which is reproduced or referred to in any prospectus, offer for sale, circular or advertisement offering securities for subscription or sale, during the last five years.
  - (ix) A statement containing particulars of the dates of and parties to all material contracts, agreements (including agreements for technical advice and collaboration), concessions and similar other documents (except those entered into in the ordinary course of business carried on or intended to be carried on by the company) together with a brief description of the terms, subject-matter and general nature of the documents.
  - (x) A brief history of the company since its incorporation giving details of its activities, any reorganisation, reconstruction or amalgamation, changes in its capital structure (authorised, issued and subscribed) and debenture borrowings, if any.
  - (xi) Particulars including distinctive numbers of shares and debentures issued (a) for consideration other than cash, whether in whole or part (b) at a premium or discount or (c) in pursuance of an option.
  - (xii) A statement containing particulars of any commission, brokerage, discount or other special terms including an option for the issue of any kind of the securities granted to any person.
  - (xiii) Certified copies of
    - (a) letters of consent of the Controller of Capital Issues.
    - (b) agreements, if any, with the Industrial Finance Corporation, Industrial Credit and Investment corporation and similar bodies.
  - (xiv) Particulars of shares forfeited including their distinctive numbers.
  - (xv) A list of highest ten holders of each class of security of the company as on the date of application alongwith particulars as to the number of shares or debentures held by and the address of each such holder.
  - (xvi) The distinctive number of shares or debentures for which permission to deal is applied for;
- Provided that a recognised stock exchange may either generally by its bye-laws or in any particular case call for such further particulars or documents as it deems proper.
- (2) Before an application for listing is considered by a recognised stock exchange, it must satisfy itself that the securities proposed for listing are, having regard to the area served by the exchange, of sufficient magnitude and importance, and that, there is sufficient public interest in them.

(3) Apart from complying with such other terms and conditions as may be laid down by a recognised stock exchange, an applicant company shall satisfy the stock exchange that:

(a) Its articles of association provide for the following among others:—

- (i) That the company shall use a common form of transfer;
- (ii) That the fully paid shares will be free from all lien, while in the case of partly paid shares, the company's lien, if any, will be restricted to moneys called or payable at a fixed time in respect of such shares.
- (iii) That any amount paid up in advance of calls on any share may carry interest but shall not entitle the holder of the share to participate in respect thereof, in a dividend subsequently declared.
- (iv) There will be no forfeiture of unclaimed dividends before the claim becomes barred by law.
- (v) That option or right to call of shares shall not be given to any person except with the sanction of the company in general meeting.

(b) At least forty per cent of the class of securities in respect of which the permission to deal is sought was offered to the public for subscription through advertisement in newspapers for a period not less than three days and that applications received in pursuance of such offer were allotted fairly and unconditionally:

Provided that a recognised stock exchange may relax this requirement on its own in the case of companies of a standing of three years or more and in other cases with the previous approval of the Central Government on satisfactory evidence being produced by the companies concerned that the securities sought to be listed are not unduly concentrated in a few hands.

*Explanation.*—Where any part of the securities sought to be listed have been or are agreed to be taken up by the Central Government, a State Government, or a Government Company or any other organisation that may be notified in this respect by the Central Government in the Official Gazette the reference to forty per cent of the securities to be offered to the public shall be constructed to mean forty per cent of the issue available after setting aside any securities so taken up or agreed to be taken up.

(4) A company applying for listing must as a condition precedent undertake:

(i) (a) to issue all Letters of Allotment and of Right simultaneously and in the event of its being impossible to issue letters of regret at the same time to insert in the Press a notice to that effect, so that notice shall appear on the morning after the allotment letters have been posted;

(b) to split certificates, letters of allotment, letters of right and pucca transfer receipts of large denominations into smaller units;

(c) to consolidate certificates of small denominations into units corresponding to those fixed by the exchange for market trading;

(d) to issue Split receipts and consolidation receipts duly certified by an official of the Company particularly when so required by the Exchange;

(e) to exchange 'Right' or 'Entitled' shares into coupons or fractional certificates when so required by the exchange.

(ii) to issue, when so required, receipts for all securities deposited with it whether for registration, sub-division, exchange or for other purposes;

(iii) When documents are lodged for sub-division or consolidation through the Clearing House of the Exchange:

(a) to accept the discharge of an official of the stock exchange clearing house on the company's split receipts and consolidation receipts as good and sufficient discharge without insisting on the discharge of the registered holders; and

(b) to verify when the company is unable to issue certificates or split receipts or consolidation receipts immediately on lodgment whether the discharge of the registered holders on the documents lodged for sub-division or consolidation and their signatures on the relative transfers are in order.

(iv) On production of the necessary documents by shareholders or by members of the exchange, to make on transfers an endorsement to the effect that the power of attorney or probate or letters of administration or death certificate or certificate of the Controller of Estate Duty or similar other document has been duly exhibited to and registered by the company.

(v) To issue certificates in respect of shares or debentures lodged for transfer within a period of one month of the date of lodgment of transfer and to issue balance certificates within the same period where the transfer is accompanied by a larger certificate.

(vi) To advise the stock exchange of the date of the Board Meeting at which the declaration or recommendation of a dividend will be considered.

(vii) To advise the stock exchange in writing of all dividends and/or cash bonuses recommended or declared immediately after a meeting of the Board of the company has been held to finalise the same.

(viii) To notify the stock exchange of any material change in the general character or nature of its business.

(ix) To notify the stock exchange of any change:

(a) in the company's directorate by death, resignation, removal or otherwise.

(b) of managing director, managing agent or secretaries and treasurers.

(c) of auditors appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Company.

(x) To forward to the stock exchange copies of statutory and annual reports and audited accounts as soon as issued including Directors' report.

(xi) To forward to the stock exchange as soon as they are issued, copies of all other notices and documents sent to the shareholders including proceedings of ordinary and Extraordinary general meetings of the company and to file with the company along with particulars as to the number of shares or debentures held resolutions become effective.

(xii) To notify the stock exchange prior to intimating the shareholders of any new issue of securities whether by way of right, privilege, bonus or otherwise and the manner in which it is proposed to offer or allot the same.

(xiii) To notify the stock exchange in the event of re-issue of any forfeited securities or the issue of securities held in reserve for future issue.

(xiv) To notify the stock exchange of any other alteration of capital including calls.

(xv) To give the stock exchange not less than fifteen days notice in advance of the closing of transfer books for the payment of any dividend or for the issue of any rights or bonus etc. and not to close its transfer books on such days as may be inconvenient to the Stock Exchange for the purposes of settlement of its transactions of which three months advance notice shall have been given by the stock exchange to the company.

(xvi) To forward to the stock exchange an annual return, immediately after the company along with particulars as to the number of shares or debentures held by the company along with particulars as to the number of shares or debentures held by and address of each such holder.

(xvii) To grant to shareholders the right of renunciation in all cases of issue of rights, privileges and benefits and to allow them reasonable time within which to record, exercise, or renounce their rights.

(xviii) to promptly notify the stock exchange:

(a) of any action which will result in the redemption, cancellation or retirement in whole or in part of any securities listed on the exchange;

(b) of the intention to make a drawing of such securities, intimating at the same time the date of the drawing and the period of the closing of the Transfer Books (or the date of the striking of the balance) for the drawing;



(c) of the amount of securities outstanding after any drawing has been made.

(xix) To intimate the stock exchange any other information necessary to enable the shareholders to appraise the position of the company and to avoid the establishment of a false market in the shares of the company.

(xx) that in the event of the application for listing being granted, such listing shall be subject to the rules & bye-laws of the exchange in force from time to time and that the company will comply within a reasonable time, with such further listing requirements as may be promulgated by the exchange as a general condition for new listings.

(5) Dealings in securities to which listing is accorded will be restricted to their shares or debenture certificates whose distinctive numbers have been communicated by the company to the stock exchange in accordance with the bye-laws of the stock exchange. A fresh application for listing will be necessary in respect of all new issues desired to be dealt in, provided that, where such new securities are identical in all respects with those already listed, dealings will be permitted on the company intimating to the stock exchange particulars of such new issues alongwith distinctive numbers of certificates.

*Explanation.*—Shares are identical in all respects only if:

(a) they are of the same nominal value and the same amount per share has been called up;

(b) they are entitled to dividend at the same rate and for the same period, so that at the next ensuing distribution, the dividend payable on each share will amount to exactly the same sum, net and gross; and

(c) they carry the same rights in all other respects.

(6) On an application being made in that behalf, securities of a body corporate registered outside India may be listed on a recognised stock exchange provided:

(i) such securities are admitted to dealings on any stock exchange outside India;

(ii) there is adequate public interest in such securities in India;

(iii) the body corporate;

(a) maintains a place of business in India,

(b) agrees to keep a register of members in India, and

(c) undertakes to comply with the requirements of sub-rule 4 of this rule.

(7) A recognised stock exchange may suspend or withdraw permission to deal in the securities of a company or body corporate either for a breach of or non-compliance with any of the conditions of permission to deal or for any other reason, to be recorded in writing, which in the opinion of the stock exchange justifies such action; provided, however, that no such action shall be taken by a stock exchange without affording to the company or body corporate concerned reasonable opportunity by a notice in writing, stating the reasons, to show cause against the proposed action:

Provided further that where a recognised stock exchange has withdrawn or suspended permission to deal in any securities, the company or body corporate concerned may appeal to the Central Government and the Central Government may, after giving the stock exchange an opportunity of being heard, vary or set aside the decision of the stock exchange and thereupon, the orders of the Central Government shall be carried out by the stock exchange.

(8) A recognised stock exchange may, either at its own discretion or in accordance with the orders of the Central Government under sub-rule 7, restore or readmit to dealings any securities suspended or withdrawn from the list.

(9) The Central Government may, at its own discretion or on the recommendation of a recognised stock exchange, waive or relax the strict enforcement of any or all of the requirements with respect to listing prescribed by these rules.

## FORM A

(See rules 3 and 7)

Application for Recognition/Renewal of Recognition of a Stock Exchange under Section 3 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956.

To \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT:—Application for recognition/renewal of recognition of a Stock Exchange under Section 3 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956.

Sir,

Pursuance to the Central Government Notification No. .... dated ...../Certificate of recognition dated ....., we/I on behalf of .....being a stock exchange as defined in Section 2 (name and address of Stock exchange) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 hereby apply for recognition/renewal of recognition under Section 3 of that Act in respect of contracts in securities in ..... (name of area or areas).

2. Four copies of the rules and/or Memorandum and Articles of Association relating in general to the constitution and management of the stock exchange and four copies of the bye-laws for the regulation and control of contracts in securities are enclosed.

3. All the necessary information required in the Annexure to the Form is enclosed. Any additional information will be furnished as and when called for by the Central Government.

4. We/I on behalf of the said stock exchange hereby undertake to comply with the requirements of Section 4 of the said Act and such other conditions and terms as may be contained in the Certificate of Recognition or be prescribed or imposed subsequently.

5. Treasury Receipt No. .... dated .....for Rs. .... is attached.

Yours faithfully,

Signature of applicant.

ANNEXURE TO FORM 'A'

I. General.

1. Name of the applicant stock exchange.

2. Address.

3. Date of establishment.

4. Is your exchange a joint stock company (state whether public or private) registered under the Indian Companies Act or an association for profit or otherwise? If it is organised on some other basis, this may be stated.

5. Please give details of your capital structure and attach three copies of the audited Balance-Sheets and Profit & Loss Account of the Exchange for the preceding three years.

II. Membership

6. Please state the number of members at the time of application. Also specify how many are inactive.

7. State whether there is any provision, resolution or convention for limiting the number of members and whether in pursuance thereof you have fixed a ceiling on the number of members that you would take?

8. Do you insist on any minimum qualifications and experience before enrolling new members? If so, give details.

9. State the different classes of members, if any, the number thereof and the privileges enjoyed by each class. What is the procedure followed by your Exchange for the admission of different classes of new members?

10. What are the rates of your annual subscription in respect of the different classes of members?

11. Do you collect any security deposit from your members? If so, please give details and also state the manner in which such deposits are utilised and the rate of interest allowed, if any.

12. Do you collect any admission or entrance fees from your members or from partners of firms who are members? If so, how much?

13. Do you insist on your members and partners of firms who are members divesting themselves of other activities either as principal or as employee?

14. Do your rules permit firms to become members? If so, is it incumbent on members to seek the approval of the governing body before admitting new partners? Please state the conditions, if any, laid down in your rules for the admission of such partners.

15. If your rules do not permit of firms being enrolled as members, do you permit individual members to form a partnership? Please state the procedure followed for the recognition of such partnership.

16. Do you permit members to work in partnership with non-members? If so, how far are such non-members subject to the control of the stock exchange?

### III. Governing Body

17. What is the present strength of your governing body? Please give details of the constitution, powers of management, election and tenure of office of members of the governing body, and the manner in which its business is transacted.

18. Are any trade or commercial interests represented on your governing body? If so, give details of interests represented.

19. Do you associate shareholders or investors' associations with the management of your exchange? If yes, please state the manner in which it is done.

20. Are there any Government representatives on your governing body? If yes, please furnish their names.

21. Do your rules provide for the direct election by members of any other bodies or committees, apart from the governing body? If so, give details of their constitution, tenure, powers and functions.

22. Do you have any provision for the appointment of standing or *ad hoc* sub-committees of the governing body? If so, please furnish details of the method of their appointment, term of office, powers and functions.

23. Please give the designations, powers and duties of principal office-bearers of your Exchange. Are any of these office-bearers in the pay of the stock exchange? If yes, please give details as to the mode of their appointment, tenure of office and remuneration.

### IV. Trading

24. Do you have a trading ring? If not, how do you carry on the business? Please give details.

25. State the different kinds of contracts in use on your exchange *e.g.* spot, ready and forward). Please state the period of delivery and payment in each case.

26. Please give details of business hours for each type of contract.

27. Please give details of the scale of brokerage and other charges, if any, prescribed by your exchange.

28. Do you prescribe standard forms of contract for the use of your members? Please attach 3 copies of each such contract form.

29. Do you classify your members into brokers and jobbers? If so, please specify the bye-law under which this is done.

30. Do you have a system of registration of remisers and/or authorised clerks? If so, please give details as to their qualifications, obligations and rights, etc.

31. Do you have any regulations regarding dealings by members on their own account whether in the nature of *Taravani* (day-to-day) or otherwise?
32. Do you have any provisions for regulating the volume of business done by any individual member through a system of margins or otherwise?
33. What provisions have you made for periodical settlement of contracts and differences thereunder, the delivery of, and payment for securities and the passing of delivery orders?
34. Do you have a clearing house for the settlement of contracts? If so, please give details of its organisation and management.
35. If you have a clearing house, what returns do the members of your exchange submit regarding the transactions cleared through such clearing house? Does the exchange ask for any regular returns in respect of transactions settled outside the clearing house? Please submit 3 copies of forms used in this connection.
36. How do you fix, alter or postpone the dates of settlement?
37. How do you determine and declare making-up prices?
38. Do you have any arrangements for marking or recording of bargains?
39. Have you any arrangements for recording and publishing market rates, including opening, closing, highest and lowest rates?
40. What provisions have you made for regulating (a) the entering into contracts, their performance and rescission including contracts (i) between members, (ii) between a member and his constituent, and (iii) between a member and a non-member; (b) the consequences of breach, default or insolvency on the part of members whether acting as buyers, sellers or intermediaries; and (c) 'havalas' and other matters relating to conduct of business of members in the Exchange.
41. Do you prescribe margin requirements? If yes, please give details.
42. Do you prescribe maximum and minimum prices for securities? If so, how and under what conditions?
43. Do you provide any safeguards for the prevention of 'bull-squeezes' and 'bear-raids' and for meeting emergencies in trade? Please give details.
44. What are the measures adopted by you to regulate or prohibit advertising or issue of circulars by your members?
45. What are the disciplinary powers with the governing body to enforce due compliance by members of the rules and bye-laws of the exchange and generally to ensure proper standard of business conduct?
46. Do you require members to supply such information or explanation and to produce such books relating to their business as your governing body may require?
47. Do you publish any statistics in regard to business done on the exchange including the transactions settled through the clearing house, if maintained? In particular, have you evolved any machinery for computing the volume of transactions in the different kinds of contracts permitted on your exchange? Please give details.
48. Do you have any bye-laws contravention of which makes a contract void?

#### *V. Miscellaneous*

49. Do you have any machinery for arbitration of disputes between members and/or between members and their constituents? Please give details.
50. What are the conditions subject to which securities are listed for dealings on your exchange?
51. What are your requirements for admitting securities to forward-trading?
52. Do you have the right to prohibit, withdraw or suspend dealings in a listed security? If yes, under what circumstances is this right exercised?
53. What provisions have you made for the levy and recovery of fees, fines and penalties?

FORM B

(See rules 6 and 7)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

New Delhi, the

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No. ....—The Central Government, having considered the application for recognition/renewal of recognition made under section 3 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, by .....

(name and address of exchange)

and being satisfied that it would be in the interest of the trade and also in the public interest so to do hereby grants, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, recognition to the said exchange under section 4 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, for ..... year/years ending .....195 in respect of contracts in securities in .....

(name of area or areas)

subject to the conditions stated herein below or which may be prescribed or imposed hereafter.

Signature of Officer.

Seal of the Ministry.

NOTE.—Application for renewal of recognition shall be made so as to reach the Central Government three months before the expiry of the period.

(This certificate will also have to be published as a Notification in the Gazette of India and also in the Official Gazette of the State in which the principal office of the recognised stock exchange is situate.)

FORM C

(See rule 12)

Notice to show cause against the withdrawal of Recognition

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

New Delhi, the

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To

(name and address of the Exchange).

The Central Government hereby calls upon you to show cause on or before ..... at the office of ..... (designation of the officer.) why the recognition granted to you under section 4 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, under the Ministry of Finance Notification No. .... dated ..... and Certificate No. .... dated ..... should not be withdrawn for the reasons given in the Annexure to this Notice.

Signature of the Officer.

Seal of the Ministry.

[No. 16/1/56-SE/EAD.]

H. S. NEGI, Jt. Secy.

ERRATA

The date of issue of the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II—Section 3 (Issue No. 333) should be "November 1, 1956" instead of "November 3, 1956".

The Issue No. of the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II—Section 3, dated the 7th November 1956, should be "338" instead of "338-A".

